

Lanesboro City Council
Tuesday, September 21st, 2009
Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Rahn, Ceil Allen, Tom Dybing and Vince Jeannette

Absent: Joe O'Connor

Visitors: Jade Wangen, Jan Meyer and Brian Luna

REGULAR MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rahn.

Additions or Changes to the agenda consisted of adding vandalism of the Community Center basement restrooms and December 7th Truth and Taxation Hearing. Jeannette made a motion to approve the agenda with those changes, second Dybing, motion carried.

The meeting minutes for the September 8th meeting were approved with a motion by Dybing, second Jeannette, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

N/A

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS:

A. EDA: September 14th – Jeannette: Jeannette stated that the meeting was short and the EDA reviewed past business and at this time had no new business to report on. Jeannette noted that Michelle Vrieze from SEMDC would be attending the next meeting to discuss what SEMDC can do to help assist the EDA.

B. Library: September 14th – Allen: Allen reported that the library received a \$1000 grant form "Authors in Communities". She also noted that the Friends of the Library will have their annual book sale October 9th and 10th.

C. Public Utilities: September 14th – O'Connor: Vickerman reported on O'Connor's behalf noting that the Utilities spoke about the potential for Dairyland to join MISO and how that would affect rates.

D. Habitat for Humanity: September 16th – Rahn: Mayor Rahn noted that he attended a "Habitat for Humanity" meeting in Preston. He noted that the group is hoping to start a Fillmore County group and also seeking out places to have homes built. Rahn noted that the next meeting would be held in the Harmony Storm Water Area near football field: Community Center on October 7th. He also stated that the intent is for a county wide approach and not an individual city endeavor.

HOUSEKEEPING:

A. Paying of the Bills: Jeannette made a motion to approve the bills as presented, second Allen, motion carried.

B. Brush Dump: Vickerman noted that Drake had stated that there on problems with items that have been dumped into the brush dump again. He is asking the Council to consider ways to handle the situation. Rahn noted that we have been through this several times. Options of manning the dump and handing out keys through the city office were mentioned. It was questioned as to whether signs were present or not. Vickerman stated that all signage was on the fence. Rahn noted that if violations continue we will have to take action, he asked Vickerman to send out flyers in the next utility billing cycle referencing the need for people to follow the dump rules.

C. Junk/Weed Tour: Vickerman stated that she and Andy Drake had toured the City the previous Friday and sited junk ordinance and weed ordinance violations. Vickerman asked the Council to approve a public hearing for October 19th for the citations, so that she could send out

letters for junk and weed removal. Rahn made a motion to have a public hearing on October 19th in reference to the junk and weed letters and for Vickerman to send the letters out accordingly, second Jeannette, motion carried.

D. Storm Water Area near football field: Vickerman explained that when FEMA was here the city was given some funds to repair the storm water area near the dam. Funds were given for rip rap and a culvert. Vickerman noted that she and Drake met with a representative from Soil and Water who wants to assist and seek out funding to improve the water drainage area. Vickerman noted that we put the final study on hold with Yaggy due to possible budget cuts. Vickerman asked the Council to allow Yaggy to finish the study and to work with the Soil and Water County Office to seek out grants for storm water drainage improvement. Dybing made a motion for Yaggy to finish the study and for Vickerman to seek funds from Fillmore Soil & Water and have the two entities to work together for a solution to the water drainage problem, second Jeannette, motion carried.

E. Emergency Preparedness: Allen noted that due to it being emergency preparedness month, she hoped that the Council could discuss the city's preparedness for emergencies. Allen noted that with all of the H1N1 talk, she wanted to be sure that the citizens of Lanesboro were prepared. Rahn noted that the Community Center would be the care area in the case of a pandemic. Vickerman noted that she and a few other staff went through a pandemic flu drill a few years back, but felt it would be good to have some future drills for various emergencies. Allen asked if some information could be put in the utility bills about H1N1 and preparedness. Vickerman stated that they could put information for the season coming such as tornado, flu, flood, etc.

F. Vandalism: Vickerman told the Council that on Friday night four juvenile males did damage to the basement restrooms in the Community Center. Vickerman noted that Rodgers found the damage early Saturday morning and notified the BP that if any kids came in and paid with quarters to track it. Vickerman noted that by that Saturday evening part-time officer Dan Dornack had confessions from all four participants with quarters returned. The Council went to the restrooms to see the damage. Two shower timers in the women's restroom were ripped open and one of the two was actually torn from the wall. Vickerman showed the various holes poked into the wall. Vickerman stated that the boys' restroom had damage to both shower timers as well. Vickerman said the damage was estimated at approximately \$1,500 and money totaling approximately \$150 was stolen. Vickerman asked Council if they wished to turn it into insurance for faster turn over, then the insurance company would seek out damage reimbursement from the offenders through the court system. Dybing made a motion to turn damage into insurance and asked to have the damages repaired as soon as possible due to some camping season left, second Jeannette, motion carried.

G. Truth in Taxation Hearing: Vickerman stated that the County called for the truth in taxation hearing noting that it needed to be at 6pm or after and between certain dates. Vickerman verified that the Lanesboro City Council would hold theirs on December 7th at 6pm. Vickerman asked if the Council wished to begin the meeting at that time or wanted to start the meeting at the regular scheduled time of 5:30. Everyone agreed to start the meeting at 5:30pm and then hold the hearing at 6pm.

ADJOURN:

With no further business at 6:10pm, Jeannette made a motion to adjourn, second Allen, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk